

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chair Pingree, and Ranking Member Joyce,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$2,500,000 for sanitary sewer system improvements in the Town of Owasco, NY, with government offices located at 2 Bristol Avenue, Owasco, NY 13021.

The requested amount of \$2,500,000 will allow the Town of Owasco to make significant improvements and upgrades to their wastewater collection systems. Specifically, this funding would replace antiquated sanitary collection system infrastructure, provide sewer separation through the construction of a new storm sewer, replace antiquated water mains, and reconstruct roadways complete with sidewalks along three streets in Owasco.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would make essential and long overdue improvements to water quality in Owasco. As it currently stands, large portions of Owasco's sewer system were constructed in 1939, are now antiquated, and experience excessive inflow and infiltration of stormwater. As a result, during heavy rain events, Owasco often experiences sanitary sewer overflows along their main sewer interceptor, resulting in frequent residential complaints and pollution in nearby waterways. These challenges extend to the nearby City of Auburn, which has also reported sanitary sewer overflows. Federal investment is urgently needed to address these challenges and remediate significant threats to water quality in Owasco and the surrounding area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", is positioned above a horizontal line.

John Katko
Member of Congress